1	2	3
Nagpur	0	0
Bhopal	4	3
Ahmedabad	42	2
Ghaziabad	6	6
TOTAL	284	122

(c) (i) Adjournment sought by the Applicant/their Counsel for producing evidence etc.

(ii) Transfer of claims cases from one Railway Claims Tribunal (RCT) Bench to the other, sought by the claimants.

(iii) Non-availability of heirship title with the claimants.

(d) Following steps have been taken for expeditious disposal of accident claims cases.

(i) Instructions have been issued to all Zonal Railways that as soon as a passenger train accident or untoward incident takes place, Railway administration obtains all particulars of injured and killed, sends claim application forms to claimants, and makes the record available to the concerned Bench of the Railway Claims Tribunal. When claims are filed and come up for hearing, Railways give all possible assistance to the Tribunal for their speedy settlement.

(ii) Written statements are filed by the Railways in such cases within one month of receipt of notice from Railway Claims Tribunal.

(iii) After the decreetal amount of claim has been sanctioned, railway administration ensures that cheques are issued and dispatched within a period of 15 days, without prior finance concurrence.

Quality of food served in southbound trains

3486. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the quality of food served in southbound trains is below standard;

(b) the number of complaints received in this regard from July, 2005 till date particularly in Karnataka Express;

(c) the action taken on such complaints; and

(d) the measures taken by Government to improve the quality of food on this train and other southbound trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Nil.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) In order to provide quality and fresh food to the passengers of Indian Railways, Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has been set up to upgrade, professionalise and manage the catering service and upgrade the quality of food. Regular and surprise checks are conducted by officials of Railways/IRCTC to monitor quality/quantity/tariff of catering services.

Laying of new railway line from Nanjangud to Gundlupet

3487. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been done to lay new railway line between Nanjangud to Gundlupet in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the estimated cost for the proposed new railway line;

(c) whether the above work has been taken up during 2005-06; and

(d) if not, when it would be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The project is not sanctioned.